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PATENT
Docket No. GC527C3

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Estell et al.

Serial No.: 09/768,080

Filed: January 23, 2001

For: Proteins Producing an Altered
Immunogenic Response and
Methods of Making and Using
the Same

Group Art Unit: 1644

Examiner: Saunders, D.

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED JUNE 25, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed June 25, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be made as indicated below. None of the amendments to the Claims is intended to narrow the scope of any of the amended Claims within the meaning of *Festo*¹. The present Response is being filed within two (2) months of the mailing date of the present Final Office Action in order to provoke an Advisory Action. Applicants respectfully submit that the pending Claims are allowable and request that the present Claims be passed to allowance.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2, while Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5, and the Conclusion is provided on page 9, herein.

¹ *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*, No. 95-1066, 2000 WL 1753646 (Fed. Cir. Nov. 29, 2000).

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